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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST IDAHO CITY RANGER DISTRICT

### ROAD CLOSURE (For Public Safety and Resource Protection)

#### **PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(b) the following act is prohibited on the road described in this order, all within the Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect upon signing and will remain in effect until further notice.

1. Being on the road. 36 CFR 261.54(e).

#### **EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization (Timber Sale Contract) or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
- 4. Pedestrian use between Friday at 1800 hours (6:00 PM) and Monday at 0001 hours (12:01 AM).

#### **ROAD DESCRIBED:**

**National Forest System Road (NFSR)** #327 beginning at the bridge crossing at Mores Creek to M.P. 6.5 (a.k.a. Rabbit Creek Summit), located within Township 6 North, Range 6 East, Sections 28-30, and 33-34, and Township 5 North, Range 6 East, Sections 3 and 4, Boise Meridian.

The above described road is within the Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Boise County, Idaho.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The road described is closed to all public entry Monday – Friday to provide for public health and safety. Helicopter logging operations will be operating Monday – Friday 0500-1800. Operations include log truck traffic, service vehicle traffic and helicopter logging. Helicopter landing locations are located in close proximity to NFSR #327 and the log truck traffic would make it dangerous to allow for public access during the

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weekday. The road described is closed to all public entry except pedestrian use on weekends to provide for public health and safety and resource concerns due.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. This Order will be in effect when signed and will remain in effect until further notice.
- 2. A map identifying the road closure is attached and made part of this Order.
- 3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
- 4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Idaho City Ranger District located in Idaho City, ID, telephone number 208-392-6681, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office in Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4007.
- 5. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas (and/or roads, trails) covered by this Order.

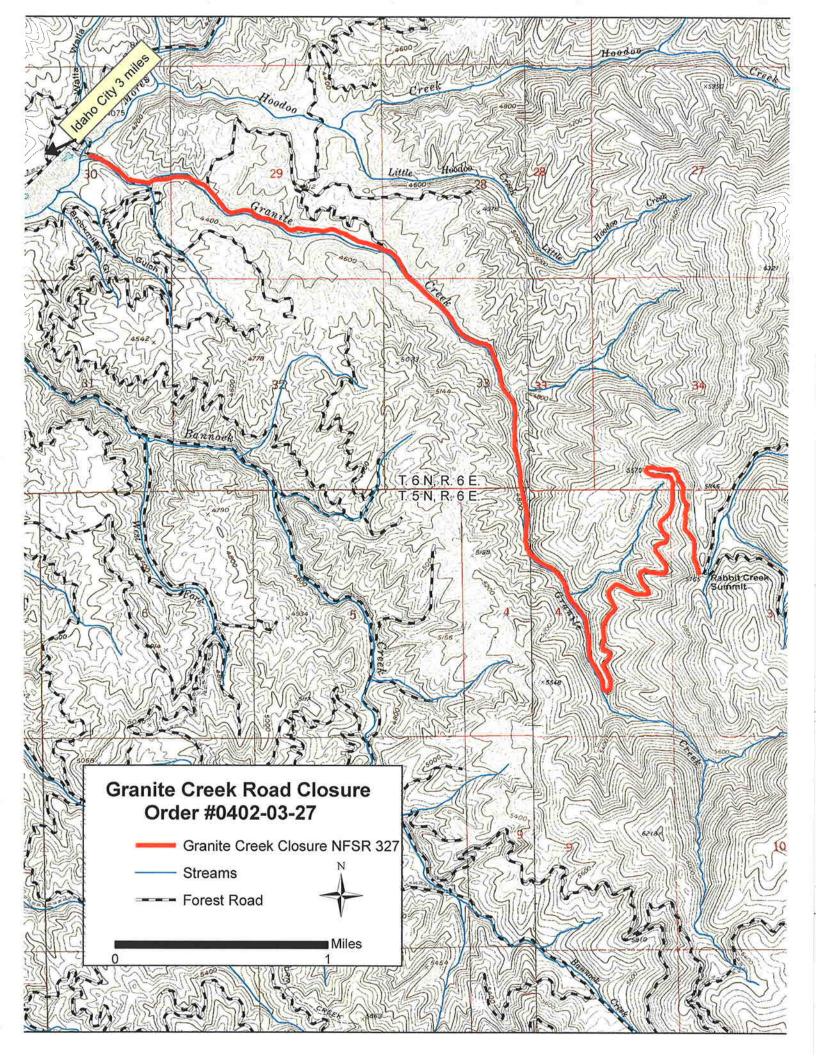
Done at Boise, ID this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of February, 2010.

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Forest Supervisor

**Boise National Forest** 

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## Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan Idaho City Ranger District – Boise National Forest Order #0402-03-27

- 1. <u>Background</u>. A contract has been awarded to Columbia Helicopters for timber removal and associated slash treatment on the Mores South Helicopter Stewardship project, Solicitation AG-82B1-S-09-0086, on the Idaho City Ranger District. The project area is located on National Forest System Road (NFSR) # 327 which is located approximately 3 miles west of Idaho City, ID. Logging activity has started and will continue until weather shuts down operations. The closure to all public entry will occur between Monday and Friday each week starting on February 17, 2010, and will remain closed Monday through Friday until further notice. To provide for public safety and prevent resource degradation, only pedestrian use will be allowed on weekends.
- 2. <u>Intent of Subpart B order</u>. This temporary road closure is for all public access to promote public safety during logging operations. Pedestrians will be allowed to use the road on weekends.
- 3. <u>Enforcement Plan</u>. On ground signing and maintenance of signs at the bridge on Mores Creek and NFSR #327 to advise the public of temporary road closure. On site FS administrative personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

<u>Action</u>	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff w/ LE&I input	2/17/10
Review proposed order Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO RO LE&I and OGC	2/17/10 2/17/10
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	2/17/10
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	2/18/10
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger	2/17/09
Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff & LEO/field going personnel throughout the temporary closure period.	On going

Plan approved for implementation:

CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ

Forest Supervisor

Boise National Forest

2-17-10

DATE